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# Town Officers

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## *Selectmen*

ROY H. CAMPBELL

IRA D. FORD

SYLVESTER A. REID

## *Clerk and Treasurer*

ISAAC N. CENTER

## *Road Agents*

JOHN A. REID

JAMES W. HOPWOOD

## *Auditors*

HERBERT C. LEACH

CLARENCE W. HAIGHT

## *Trustees*

JOHN A. WILSON

FRANK F. CORNING

ISAAC N. CENTER

## *Tax Collector*

WALTER A. CROWELL

# Town Warrant

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

[L. S.]

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield, in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, at two of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

3. To bring in your votes for the election of Delegates-at-Large, Alternate Delegates-at-Large, District Delegates, Alternate District Delegates to the National Conventions of the Democratic and Republican parties, to be held for the purpose of nominating party candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States.

4. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for permanent improvement and maintenance of highways in addition to what is required by law and take action in regard to State Aid.



5. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for maintenance of State Aid Highways.

6. To see what sums of money the Town will raise or appropriate for the Public Library.

7. To see what action the Town will take in celebration of Memorial Day and make appropriation for the same.

8. To see what sums of money the Town will raise or appropriate to prevent the white pine blister rust.

9. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to investigate the feasibility of establishing a Town Forest and make recommendations at the regular Town meeting in March, 1925.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal,                      day of  
February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and  
twenty-four.

ROY H. CAMPBELL,  
IRA D. FORD,  
SYLVESTER A. REID,

*Selectmen of Litchfield.*

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ROY H. CAMPBELL,  
IRA D. FORD,  
SYLVESTER A. REID.

*Selectmen of Litchfield.*

## Budget

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	1923	1924
	Expenditures	Estimated
Officers salaries	\$202.00	\$202.00
Officers expenses	259.40	220.00
Election expenses	26.00	57.00
Town Hall	356.08	25.00
Police Department	2.00	5.00
Highways	868.33	514.39
State Aid Maintenance	450.00	300.00
State Aid Construction	516.00	513.00
Library	70.00	70.00
Memorial Day	25.00	25.00
Old Home Day	150.00	
Schools	3,914.64	4,921.00
State Tax	816.50	816.50
County Tax	742.04	742.04
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	\$8,397.99	\$8,410.93



# Selectmen's Report

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## INVENTORY, APRIL 1, 1923

Lands and Buildings	\$274,535.00
Horses, 87	11,640.00
Cows, 243	12,945.00
Other Neat Stock, 33	1,230.00
Sheep, 5	35.00
Hogs, 30	540.00
Fowls, 1533	2,043.00
Portable Mills, 6	575.00
Wood and Lumber	5,500.00
Money on hand	915.00
Water Power Privileges	15,000.00
Mills and Machinery	17,600.00
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	\$342,558.00

## STATEMENT

Total taxable inventory	\$342,558.00
Rate per cent	1.50
Polls, 157 @ \$5.00	785.00
Polls, 4 @ 3.00	12.00
Tax on bank stock	6.31
Amount committed to collector	\$5,941.68

# APPROPRIATIONS

State tax	\$816.50
County tax	742.04
Town Highways	868.33
State aid construction	516.00
State aid maintenance	450.00
Library	70.00
Memorial Day	25.00
Old Home Day	150.00
Schools	3,914.64
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	\$7,552.51

## BALANCE SHEET, JANUARY 31, 1924

### *Assets*

Cash in Treasury	\$4,976.89
Uncollected taxes, 1922	20.40
Uncollected taxes, 1923	669.42
Liberty bonds	2,000.00
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	\$7,666.71

### *Liabilities*

State aid money in town treasury	\$3,099.48
State aid maintenance unexpended	681.26
Dog licenses	33.90
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	\$3,814.64
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Excess of assets over liabilities	\$3,852.07



## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Taxes, 1922	\$903.10
Interest on 1922 taxes	18.92
Taxes 1923	5,272.26
From State Treasurer, taxes	1,724.95
From State Treasurer, highway department	87.90
Interest on bonds and deposits	219.76
From dog licenses	33.90
From motor vehicle permits	343.15
Balance from Old Home Day	62.39
Rent Town Hall	1.50
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1923	4,282.88
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	\$12,950.71

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Salaries and expenses of town officers	\$461.40
Election expenses	26.00
Town Hall	356.58
Town Highways	853.73
State aid construction	133.40
State aid maintenance	87.53
School district	3,965.64
Library	70.00
State tax and soldiers' bonus	1,100.50
County tax	742.04
Memorial Day	25.00
Police department	2.00
Old Home Day	150.00
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	\$7,973.82

## DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Selectman, Roy H. Campbell	\$50.00
Selectman, Ira D. Ford	35.00
Selectman, Sylvester Reid	25.00
Clerk, Isaac N. Center	20.00
Treasurer, Isaac N. Center	20.00
Collector taxes, 1922 and 1923, Walter A. Crowell	50.00
Auditor, Herbert C. Leach	1.00
Auditor, Clarence W. Haight	1.00
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	\$202.00

*Expenses*

Town reports, 1923	\$72.50
Trustees' bond	100.00
Walter A. Crowell, advertising for plans Cutler Memorial Library	6.00
Printing tax bills	8.00
Storrs Engineers, consulting engineer on Merimack River	40.00
Safety deposit box rent	2.50
Dr. A. S. Wallace, Vital Statistics	.50
Stamps and stationery	3.20
State assessor's association dues	2.00
Travellers' aid	.20
Tax collector's book	2.30
Lock and hinges, Juror box	.50



Isaac N. Center, motor vehicle permits	9.50
Warrants, permit book for carrying firearms	2.20
Abatement, Frank Crickx	5.00
Abatement, Clara Crickx	5.00
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	\$259.40

### *Election Expenses*

Paid—

Moderator, Charles B. Campbell	\$6.00
Supervisor, Walter A. Crowell	4.00
Supervisor, Henry F. Lund	4.00
Supervisor, Willie R. Shepherd	4.00
Ballot Clerk, John A. Reid	2.00
Ballot Clerk, Anna A. Bancroft	2.00
Ballot Clerk, George L. Danforth	2.00
Ballot Clerk, Charles H. Chase	2.00
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	\$26.00

### *Town Hall*

Paid—

Robert Chase, insurance	\$50.00
L. A. Haskins, painting outside hall	49.10
Hill Hardware and Paint Co.	40.00
L. A. Haskins, labor and material inside Town Hall	110.65
F. T. Parker, labor and material	29.30
John B. Varick Co., material	15.63
James V. Tolles, curtains	39.75

Annie E. Bishop, cleaning upper floor	6.15
Everline McQuesten, cleaning lower floor	16.00
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	\$356.58

*Town Highways*

Paid—	
Lester W. Robinson	\$101.60
James W. Hopwood	127.81
John A. Reid	589.92
Painting railings	34.40
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	\$853.73

*School District*

Paid—	
School Treasurer	\$3,965.64

*Library*

Paid—	
Corabel B. Griffin	\$70.00

*State Tax*

Paid—	
State Treasurer	\$816.50
State Treasurer, 1922 bonus	24.00
State Treasurer, 1923 bonus	260.00
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	\$1,100.50

*County Tax*

Paid—	
Treasurer	\$742.04



*Memorial Day*

Paid—	
Florence C. Center	\$25.00

*Old Home Day*

Paid—	
Herbert C. Leach	\$150.00

*Police Department*

Paid—	
Charles B. Campbell	\$2.00

*Statement Joint Fund Account*

State appropriation, 1923	\$309.60
Town appropriation, 1923	516.00
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	\$825.60

*State Aid Construction, 1923*

State Treasury	\$50.01
Town Treasury	83.39
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	\$133.40

*Balance from, 1923*

State Treasury	\$1,859.67
Town Treasury	3,099.48
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	\$4,959.15

<i>State Aid Maintenance</i>	
State Treasury	\$681.26
Town Treasury	681.26
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	\$1,362.52

ROY H. CAMPBELL,  
 IRA D. FORD,  
 SYLVESTER A. REID,

*Selectmen.*

Litchfield, N. H., Feb. 16, 1924.

We have examined the foregoing report and find it properly cast and well vouched.

HERBERT C. LEACH,  
 CLARENCE W. HAIGHT,

*Auditors.*

## Treasurer's Report

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Cash in Treasury, Jan. 31, 1923	\$4,318.16
Paid Selectmen's Order for 1922	35.28
	<hr/> \$4,282.88
Received from—	
Walter A. Crowell, 1922 tax	\$903.10
Walter A. Crowell, 1922 interest	18.92
Walter A. Crowell, 1923 tax	5,272.26
H. C. Leach, balance Old Home Day ap- propriation	62.39
R. H. Campbell, rent Town Hall	1.50
Town Clerk, dog licenses	33.90
Town Clerk, motor vehicle permits	343.15
State Treasurer, Insurance tax	30.00
State Treasurer, Railroad tax	881.85
State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax	813.10
State Treasurer, Highway Department	87.90
Safety Deposit & Trust Co., interest	35.20
Manchester Savings Bank, interest	35.20
United States Bonds, interest	85.00
	<hr/> \$12,950.71
Paid Selectmen's Orders	7,973.82
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Balance in Treasury Jan. 31, 1924	\$4,976.89

ISAAC N. CENTER,  
*Treasurer.*



Litchfield, N. H., February 16, 1924.

We have examined the foregoing report and it is properly cast and well vouched.

HERBERT C. LEACH,  
CLARENCE W. HAIGHT,

*Auditors.*

## Road Agents' Report

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James W. Hopwood, Agent

James W. Hopwood	\$53.57
Charles E. Fisk	3.50
Walter Bishop	1.40
Nobert Moreau	8.93
Francis Lund	1.05
Verest Moreau	12.78
Peter Bilodeau	12.08
Wilfred Bilodeau	25.90
C. J. Hopwood	1.40
F. T. Parker, gravel	5.20
Mrs. Nellie Ford, gravel	.40
F. L. Center, gravel	.80
J. W. Hopwood, gravel	.80
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	\$127.81

Lester W. Robinson, Agent  
*Snow Bill, 1923*

Albert Davis	\$11.20
Henry Johnson	7.00
George Bourden	19.75
Arthur Ford	4.92
Roy H. Campbell	17.68
Lester W. Robinson	41.05
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	\$101.60

## John A. Reid, Agent

J. A. Reid	\$99.05
W. Bilodeau	13.50
F. S. Bancroft	14.15
P. Bilodeau	6.30
J. W. Hopwood	2.25
C. J. Hopwood	1.05
Fred McQuesten	2.25
E. McQuesten, gravel	5.50
J. A. Reid, snow bill, December 1923	6.60
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	\$150.65

*Snow Bill, 1923*

J. A. Colby	\$146.00
J. W. Hopwood	78.58
C. J. Hopwood	15.68
F. Bilodeau	.88
C. W. Fisk	3.15
C. E. Leach	25.02
William Haight	5.60
W. Locke	8.40
W. Bishop	15.77
F. S. Bancroft	10.50
Eugene Haight	4.55
H. C. Leach	23.62
C. H. Chase	9.80
G. W. Horne	10.14
I. N. Center	2.80
C. W. Haight	15.75
Fred McQuesten	48.75



P. Bilodeau	3.15
H. Lund	3.85
M. Bohonock	3.15
J. A. Reid	4.13
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	\$439.27

Litchfield, N. H., February 16, 1924.

We have examined the foregoing reports and find them properly cast and well vouched.

HERBERT C. LEACH,  
CLARENCE W. HAIGHT,

*Auditors.*

# Report of Town Trustees

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## CHARLES BANCROFT BRIDGE FUND

January 31, 1924

January 31, 1923, balance in Amos-		
keag Savings Bank	\$6,322.81	
Payment on school note	1,000.00	
Interest on school note	290.00	
Interest on deposit	249.31	
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Jan. 31, 1923, balance in Manchester		
Savings Bank	\$10,610.65	
Interest on deposit	316.21	
	<hr/>	\$10,926.86
Jan. 31, 1924, Town of Litchfield		
School note		\$4,800.00
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Total Bridge Fund		\$23,588.98

## AARON CUTLER LIBRARY FUND

January 31, 1924

Jan. 31, 1923, balance in Manchester	
Savings Bank	\$5,959.05

Sale of property in Hudson, N. H.	\$2,650.00	
Dividend on stocks	1,365.50	
Interest on deposits	223.13	
Interest on U. S. Bonds	12.74	
	<hr/>	\$4,251.37
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		\$10,210.42

*Expenditures*

Hudson Water Co.	\$ 6.00	
Harry Watkins, auctioneer	110.30	
Wm. M. Butterfield Co., architects	720.00	
	<hr/>	\$836.30
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Bank balance		\$9,374.12
Estimate Value of Cutler Fund Stocks,		
Feb. 15, 1922	\$27,768.00	
U. S. Liberty Bonds	300.00	
		\$28,068.00
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Total Cutler Fund		\$37,442.12

## JOHN KENNARD LIBRARY FUND

January 31, 1924

Jan. 31, 1923, balance in Amoskeag	
Savings Bank	\$578.76
Interest on deposit	27.13
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	\$605.89
Jan. 31, 1924, withdrawn for Library Treas.	\$50.00
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Total Kennard Fund	\$555.89

JOHN A. WILSON,  
FRANK F. CORNING,  
ISAAC N. CENTER,

*Trustees*

Litchfield, N. H., February 16, 1924.

We have examined the foregoing report and find it properly cast and well vouched.

HERBERT C. LEACH,  
CLARENCE W. HAIGHT,

*Auditors.*

# Old Home Day Report

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## *To the Citizens of Litchfield:*

On life's journey we are constantly looking toward the future where all our hopes center.

Last March Litchfield invited her sons and daughters to come home and celebrate "Old Home Day" August 23, 1923. One hundred and eighty of them from six states answered her call and with one hundred and thirty-seven townspeople celebrated the occasion.

The day dawned clear and fair, one of those rare summer days, with a brisk west wind to sway our banners making us feel that Providence smiled on our celebration.

The day program was held at the center of the town and the evening program at the Grange Hall. All buildings were tastefully decorated. Flags and banners featured the outside adornments; evergreen and flowers adorned the interior of the church, while blue and white streamers skillfully arranged increased the attractiveness of the Town Hall; and evergreen with pink and white streamers attractively placed dressed up the Grange Hall.

The program started promptly at ten o'clock in the morning with a ball game. At twelve o'clock all gathered at the Town Hall and gave this cheer.

L-I-T-C-H-F-I-E-L-D spelled out.

Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!

Litchfield, Litchfield, Litchfield.

Immediately all gathered around the dinner tables awaiting in the Town Hall.

The Menu:—Baked beans, cold meats, mashed potato, rolls, fruit and vegetable salads, pie, ice cream and coffee.

At two o'clock in the afternoon all assembled in the church and listened to a fine program presented by President Isaac N. Center.

Songs—Chorus, 31 voices, led by Miss Lilla D. Goodspeed  
Invocation Rev. H. C. Buckingham

Address of Welcome Isaac N. Center

Song—Chorus

History of New Hampshire Mrs. Anna A. Bancroft  
Memorial Tribute By all

Response—Shepherds Psalm

Mrs. Bertha Campbell and Miss Lilla Goodspeed

Address Rev. W. H. Morrison, D. D., Nashua, N. H.

Vocal Solo Miss Clara Reid

Remarks—Prof. Percy A. Campbell, Mr. George Harvell,  
Mrs. S. Grace Saunders and Mr. John W.

Center

Farewell Song Chorus

Song "Litchfield" by Mrs. A. A. Bancroft, By All.

A lunch featured the social hour until the evening program at the Grange Hall, where all gathered for the "Old Home Day" ball. The grand march with sixty couples in line featured the program while many looked on. Refreshments were attractively served until the strains of "Home Sweet Home" brought the happy day to a close at midnight.

During the recess between the afternoon and evening programs, all assembled for group pictures with Mr. Charles W. Barnes of Nashua and Mr. Mahlon A. Bancroft of Norway, Maine, as photographers. The proofs were fine.

We congratulate the selectmen on the appearance of the



Town Hall for this day. We extend to every one who assisted in carrying out the day's program, our heartfelt thanks and gratitude. We realize it took your time, thought and hard work. But it was well rewarded by a successful day.

### *Receipts*

Collected cash for dinner	\$10.00
Sale of food and supper	21.85
Sale of ice cream	16.15
Admission at Grange Hall	41.25
Town Treasurer	150.00
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	\$239.25

### *Expenses*

Meat	\$27.26
Ice cream	31.00
Butter	6.00
Ribbon and invitations	5.00
Groceries	28.90
Registrar's supplies	.55
Stamps	4.00
Dishes	10.00
Kerosene	.85
Decorations	2.30
Grange Hall	4.00
War tax	5.00
Speaker	11.00

Orchestra	20.00
Banners	21.00
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	\$176.86
Returned to Town Treasurer	62.39
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	\$239.25

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT C. LEACH,  
BERTHA G. CROWELL,  
GEORGE C. GOFFE,

*Committee.*

Litchfield, N. H., February 16, 1924.

I have examined the foregoing report and find it properly cast and well vouched.

CLARENCE W. HAIGHT,

*Auditor.*

## Library Report

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The Trustees of the Litchfield Town Library hereby submit their thirty-first annual report.

At the regular annual meeting of the trustees held at the Library room, Saturday afternoon, April 21st. Mrs. Corabel B. Griffin was elected President and Treasurer, J. Albert Reid as Vice-President, Mrs. Mary J. S. Campbell, Secretary and Miss Florence C. Center, Librarian.

Voted—To continue the distributing agents, Mrs. Rebecca Blodgett at the north part of the town, Miss Della Shepherd at the south part of the town, and the Librarian to accommodate those in her vicinity.

Voted—The sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) of the Kenard Fund to be expended for new books. It is especially desired that those wishing certain books would inform the Librarian so she can procure them. It also seems desirable to purchase books where they can be returned if after being examined, it is found they are not suitable for our Library.

Voted—To subscribe for the Book list.

Voted—To pay the Librarian expenses for her to attend the Summer Library School at Durham.

Again the Trustees and town's people extend thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Saunders for their continued kindness in allowing the Library to remain in their house.

The term of office of J. Albert Reid and Mrs. Mary J. S. Campbell expires the current year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY J. S. CAMPBELL,

*Secretary.*

## SUPPLEMENTARY CATALOG

January 31, 1923 to January 31, 1924

Arnim, Von, M. A. B., Enchanted April	F 2282
Bachellor, Irving, In the Days of Poor Richard	F 2278
Bailey, Temple, Dim Lantern	F 2271
Comstock, Harriet T., Tenth Woman	F 2284
Dumas, Alexandre, Three Musketeers	F 2298
Farnol, Jeffrey, Peregrines Progress	F 2295
Hale, Lucretia P., Peterkin Papers	J 2275
Hemon, Louis, Maria Chapdelaine	F 2287
Heyliger, Williams, High Benton, Worker	J 2292
Hough, Emerson, North of 36	F 2286
Howe, M. A. DeWolfe, Memories of a Hostess	B 2281
Livingston, Florence B., Under a Thousand Eyes	F 2285
Lutz, G. L. H., Tomorrow About This Time	F 2290
Marden, Philip S., Egyptain Days	T 2272
Morris, Harrison S., Landlord's Daughter	F 2288
O'Brien, Frederick, White Shadows in the South Seas	T 2289
Paine, Ralph D., Comrades of the Rolling Ocean	F 2291
Quick, Herbert, Vandemark's Folly	F 2279
Richards, Laura E., Golden Windows	J 2276
Richmond, Grace S., Four Square	F 2283
Stevenson, Burton, Home Book of Verse for Children	J 2274
Train, Arthur, His Children's Children	F 2293
Untermeyer, Louis, Modern American Poetry	D 2273
Wells, Carolyn, Mystery Girl	F 2294
White, Elisa Orne, Blue Aunt	J 2280
White, Stewart Edward, Magic Forest	J 2277



N. H. Public Service Commission Report, 1921	2296
N. H. Manual for General Court, 1923	2297

*Donations*

Three Musketeers	Mr. Francis Lund
The Century	Ladies' Social Circle
Literary Digest	Mrs. F. H. McQuesten

*Resources*

Number of bound volumes at beginning of year,	2270
Number of bound volumes added by purchase	25
Number of bound volumes added by gift	1
Federal and State documents added	2
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Total number of volumes owned at end of year	2298

*Service*

Number of volumes loaned	723
Number of unbound magazines loaned	41
Total circulation for current year	764
Number of new borrowers added during year	9
Total number of active borrowers during year	66
Distributing agencies located at dwellings at a distance from library	2

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE C. CENTER,

*Librarian.*

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TOWN LIBRARY

The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Town Library hereby submits her annual report:

Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1923	\$59.79
Cash received from Town	70.00
Cash received Kennard Fund	50.00
Cash received from fines	1.05

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\$180.84

Paid Out as Follows:

W. P. Goodman for books	\$48.74
Cash for booklist	2.00
Librarian's expenses to Durham	19.68
Librarian's salary	26.00

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\$96.42

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Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1924 \$84.42

In July, 1923, received a present of twenty-five dollars from Harry Watkins of Reeds Ferry to go toward furnishings for the new Library.

CORABEL B. GRIFFIN,

*Treasurer.*

Litchfield, N. H., February 16, 1924.

We have examined the foregoing report and find it properly cast and well vouched.

HERBERT C. LEACH,  
CLARENCE W. HAIGHT,

*Auditors.*

# Report of School Board

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*To the Citizens of Litchfield:*

Since our last report a year of school in our new building has passed and we find our work and physical conditions very much improved.

At the opening of the school year in September, we used only one room. At once we were faced with difficulties. One, there were more pupils than expected; another, we were half an hour short in school time.

Immediately we endeavored to remedy conditions. First, we had part of the scholars, the lower grades, come a half hour earlier and the higher grades come at ten o'clock.

After testing this program for eight weeks we were convinced that our problem was not solved. Our conditions did not improve. We invited the parents and citizens to meet at the school house and informed them of conditions. The plan to open two rooms was accepted.

Accordingly on the seventh of January, two rooms were opened.

We were fortunate in securing as teacher, a Normal School graduate with teaching experience. Miss Florence C. Center. Our faithful principal Mrs. Hopwood, leads the higher grades, to whom we attribute the splendid condition of the school house today.

Our object to do Junior High work here and prepare our boys and girls for High School will accomplish three things: First, we will not pay Junior High tuition; Second, we will keep our boys and girls with us two years longer; Third, we will be able to get the greatest use possible of our splendid building.

We expect each scholar graduated here to be thoroughly grounded in elementary work and able to enter any High School in the state.

We urge all to visit the school and familiarize themselves with its work and suggest to us ways and means where you think our school can improve. By so doing, we feel your confidence.

We find the need of a Parent-teachers' Association and hope the parents will form one. We realize it is not practical for all parents to visit school when it is in session, but here you can be afforded a grand opportunity of learning the work of your children and also learn of some way you may be of greater value to them in their school work. Mr. Louis DeWitt Record is still our efficient superintendent and we have his assurance that our school conduct along these lines will be a success and we thank him for his splendid cooperation.

The school law require us to ask for certain extra appropriations.

Tuitions	\$480.00
Per capita tax	102.00
Superintendent's excess salary	50.00
Medical inspection	25.00



Books and supplies	150.00
District offices	67.00
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	\$874.00

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT C. LEACH,  
LIZZIE D. SHEPHERD,  
MARY BELL CENTER,

*School Board of Litchfield.*

## REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISOR

No. pupils examined	39
No. pupils found to have defective teeth	10
No. pupils found to have hypertrophied tonsils	14
No. pupils found underweight	
No. pupils unvaccinated	28
No. pupils found with defective vision	2
No. pupils found with defective hearing	
No. pupils found with pediculosis	2
No. pupils who have had treatment for teeth	8
No. pupils who have had treatment for vision	2
No. pupils who have had treatment for tonsils	2
No. pupils who have other defects	1

The conditions now existing in the Litchfield School are most excellent. The building is kept clean, and toilet facilities are good, and with the opening of the extra room there will be less danger of epidemics from contagious diseases. The number of unvaccinated children is larger, but I believe many will have this done during the spring

vacation. If the school could be equipped with a set of modern scales, it would be a great benefit in our Health Program.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE H. PRISKE,

*School Nurse.*

## REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

### *Receipts*

Money on hand July 1, 1922	\$503.81
Received from Town Treasurer for—	
Maintenance	2,573.63
Payment on debt	1,000.00
Interest on debt	415.00
Dog licenses	61.00
Received from sale of car tickets	175.50
Sale of geography	.97
Interest on deposits	10.46
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Total receipts	\$4,740.37

### *Expenditures*

Paid—	
Town Trustees on note	\$1,000.00
Ethel M. Hopwood, teacher	900.00
For car tickets	480.00
Interest on notes	415.00
Tuitions, Nashua	376.40
Tuitions, Hudson	72.00
Tuitions, Manchester	57.00

Tuitions, Reeds Ferry	55.00
Newell B. Carney, janitor	202.00
For text books and supplies	73.60
State Board, per capita tax	76.00
School District salaries	67.00
Roy H. Campbell, wood	80.00
Herbert C. Leach, wood	43.21
G. W. Horn, wood	21.00
Superintendent's extra salary and expense of Union	24.45
School nurse, 1922	51.25
School nurse, 1923	25.00
H. C. Leach, expenses and repairs	15.30
H. C. Leach, light bills	3.60
Henry Shepherd, repairs to teachers desk	4.35
L. D. Shepherd, telephone, postage, etc.	2.67
Janitor supplies	1.94
For School House key	.90
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Total expenditures	\$4,047.67
Money on hand July 1, 1923	692.70
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	\$4,740.37

WALTER A. CROWELL,

*Treasurer.*

Audited and approved, July 24, 1923.

FRANK F. CORNING,  
CLARENCE W. HAIGHT,

*Auditors.*

# School Superintendent's Report

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*To the School Board of Litchfield:*

## Greeting:

I have the pleasure of presenting herewith my fifth annual report as superintendent of your schools, and I am attaching thereto a report from your school nurse.

Your school register for 1922-23 gives the following statistics; Number of weeks of school, 36; salary of teacher, \$900; whole number of pupils enrolled, boys 20, girls 17, total 37; aggregate half days attendance, 10,561; average daily attendance, 31; average membership, 33; per cent of attendance, 93; number of tardy marks, 91; number of visits by superintendent, 18, by members of school board, 28, by citizens, 63; pupils not absent or tardy for the year, Leon Hopwood; for two terms, Clinton Leach, Algenia Robinson, Alice Wilson, Flora Wentworth; for one term, Rose Bilodeau, Katrina Bochonok, Robert Carney, Helen Ford, Marion Ford, Lewis Goff, Gilbert Kinnie, Richard Leach, Marguerite Leach.

Your school opened in September with a larger enrollment and has continued to increase until now it has a membership of 41. The opening of the second room in January, with Miss Florence Center in charge of grades I, II, and III, has relieved the congestion to some extent.

With no larger number of pupils and two teachers, it would seem advisable to undertake all the work necessary for entering the pupils in a senior high school. This

will make the work of your school considerably more complicated. Some of the parents will wish to send their children to the Manchester High, East or West, some to the Nashua High, and some, perhaps, to McGaw Institute. Entrance to these schools presupposes junior high work of far different amounts, ranging from none at all at McGaw, to the maximum amount at Nashua. The Nashua Junior High has courses in elementary science, junior high mathematics, French, Latin, Commerce, domestic arts, and manual training.

It would be out of the question to attempt to give that number of courses in a small school and fortunately the Nashua High provides classes to accommodate pupils without preparation in any of these subjects. However, that a pupil may get the most from one of the Latin courses, it would be decidedly to his advantage to have the junior high preparation in that subject. The same might be true of some of the other subjects if the pupil elected certain courses. It is probable that if courses in French, junior high mathematics, and occasionally a little Latin are offered in your school, the needs of your children will be fairly well cared for.

### *The Marking System*

A word of explanation at this time of our marking system may not be amiss. Lack of understanding of the significance of the marks on the pupils' cards very frequently causes much uneasiness for the parents and leads to unpleasant situations for the teacher, and sometimes for other school officials.

We have adopted in our marking system a five point scale, with four grades above the passing mark, and one



to indicate any degree of attainment, however poor, which is below such a standard. The vital point is the standard of attainment fixed for a passing mark. This should represent an absolute quantity and should not be subject to the caprice of any school official, whether teacher, superintendent, or board member. It should represent such attainment for each grade as is known to be secured on promotion by the pupils in the average school, or in such a school as you wish to maintain. To fix such a standard with any degree of certainty has been up to very recent years an impossibility. Any teacher or other administrative officer could, of course, guess, but there was no data for forming any reliable judgment. All this has been changed. From the many and much used scales and the standardized tests of today, the teacher or superintendent can form a very definite idea of where in the scale of attainment the passing mark should be in any school subject.

When this crucial point has been determined, the grading of those above the passing mark is a comparatively easy matter. In the five point scale, we give a mark of A, for the exceptional attainment, such as is found from the curve of normal distribution is secured by 7 per cent or 8 per cent of the pupils in the schools in the aggregate. B, is given for the rest of the upper third, C, for the middle third, D, for that portion of the lowest third which is above the passing standard, and F, for all below passing.

The mark C, then, represents the attainment of the largest class, the great class of average ability, while B, is a mark which any parent should feel proud to see on the child's card, and A, is for the exceptional few. Understanding this, it is inconsistent for the parent claiming but average ability or behavior for his child, to expect marks of A and B. These are marks for pupils of more than

average abilities and behavior. We have such pupils and by this system we may show their grading.

This scheme for marking the attainment of pupils is the one used, or approximated, in nearly all school systems of today. It may be reduced to a per cent basis wherever there is an advantage in so doing, placing the passing mark where it is most convenient.

Thanking the board for the many considerations shown me which have made my labors for the past year a pleasure, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS DEWITT RECORD,

Superintendent of Schools,

Union No. 27.

February 1, 1924

# Vital Statistics

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Births, deaths and marriages, reported in the town of Litchfield for the year ending December 31, 1923.

## Marriages

Cyril A. Bilodeau of Litchfield and Marie Louise Virginia Lambert of Litchfield, at Goffs Falls by Rev. F. X. Lyons.

## Births

Mary Edith Mabry, daughter of Rex C. Mabry and Hazel L. (Smith) Mabry, born February 18, 1923.

Gobin, stillborn son of Merton A. Gobin and Mae (Mowry) Gobin, born December 13, 1923.

## Deaths

Albert E. Mallory, July 10, 1923—Suicide.

Charles Howard Mabry, August 1, 1923—Angina Pectoris.

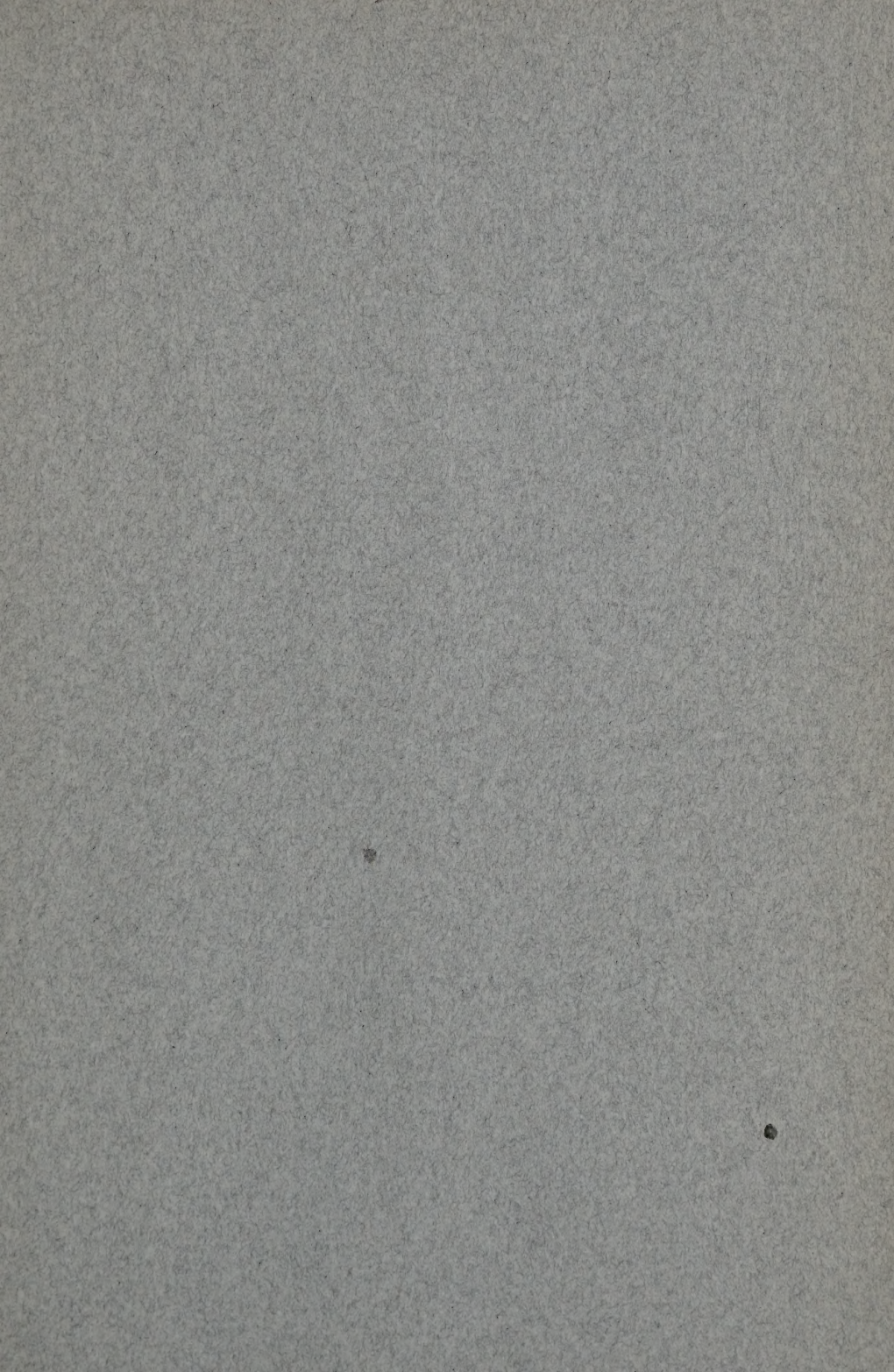
Asbury Fitch Tandy, August 11, 1923—Chronic Myocarditis.

Gobin, December 13, 1923—Stillborn.

I certify that the above is a true copy of record of Marriages, Births, and Deaths recorded in Litchfield for the year ending December 31, 1923.

ISAAC N. CENTER,

Town Clerk.











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